

a plurality of information receiver and retransmitter devices (IRRTs) coupled to the Internet wherein each IRRT is for receiving and rendering broadcast information and for selectively retransmitting [said] broadcast information to another IRRT;

a plurality of primary broadcast servers coupled to the Internet, each for originating respective primary broadcast information that is chaincast among a group of IRRTs of said plurality of IRRTs;

a plurality of secondary broadcast servers coupled to the Internet and each for originating respective secondary broadcast information that is chaincast among a group of IRRTs of said plurality of IRRTs; and

a chaincast manager coupled to said Internet and for registering said plurality of primary and secondary broadcast servers and for scheduling information transfers of said respective primary broadcast information to IRRTs based on broadcast requests generated by said IRRTs to said chaincast manager.

12. (Once Amended) A communication system comprising:

a plurality of information receiver and retransmitter devices (IRRTs) coupled to the Internet wherein each IRRT is for receiving and rendering broadcast information and for selectively retransmitting [said] broadcast information to another IRRT;

a plurality of primary broadcast servers coupled to the Internet and each for originating respective radio broadcast information that is chaincast among a group of IRRTs;

a plurality of secondary broadcast servers coupled to the Internet and each for originating respective advertisement broadcast information that is chaincast among a group of IRRTs; and

a chaincast manager coupled to said Internet and for registering said plurality of primary and secondary broadcast servers and for scheduling information transfers of said radio broadcast information to IRRTs based on broadcast requests generated by said IRRTs to said chaincast manager and wherein said chaincast manager is also for supplying a respective IRRT with a list of all registered primary broadcast servers in response to a request by said respective IRRT for said list.

Please add the following new Claims 30-39:

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30. (Added) A communication system comprising:

a plurality of information receiver and retransmitter devices (IRRTs) coupled to the Internet and wherein each IRRT is operable to receive broadcast information, operable to render a portion of said broadcast information and configured by a chaincast manager to selectively retransmit a portion of said broadcast information to another IRRT;

a plurality of primary broadcast servers coupled to the Internet, each operable to originate respective primary broadcast information that is chaincast among a group of IRRTs of said plurality of IRRTs;

a plurality of secondary broadcast servers coupled to the Internet and each operable to originate respective secondary broadcast information that is chaincast among a group of IRRTs of said plurality of IRRTs; and

wherein said chaincast manager is coupled to said Internet and operable to register said plurality of primary and secondary broadcast servers and operable to schedule information transfers of said respective primary broadcast information to IRRTs based on broadcast requests generated by said IRRTs to said chaincast manager.

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31. (Added) A communication system as described in Claim 30 wherein said chaincast manager is also operable to schedule information transfers of said secondary broadcast information to IRRTs.

32. (Added) A communication system as described in Claim 31 wherein said chaincast manager is also for operable to supply a respective IRRT with a list of all registered primary broadcast servers in response to a request by said respective IRRT for said list.

33. (Added) A communication system as described in Claim 31 wherein said primary broadcast information is digitally encoded audio

information representing audio programs and wherein said plurality of primary broadcast servers are radio stations.

34. (Added) A communication system as described in Claim 33 wherein each IRRT comprises a computer system operable to render a graphical user interface display of a radio device operable to allow a user to request one or more of said primary broadcast servers from which to receive primary broadcast information.

35. (Added) A communication system as described in Claim 31 wherein said primary broadcast information is digitally encoded audio/visual information representing audio/visual programs and wherein said plurality of primary broadcast servers are television stations.

36. (Added) A communication system as described in Claim 31 wherein said primary broadcast information is digitally encoded audio/visual information representing audio/visual programs and wherein said plurality of primary broadcast servers are multi-media content providers.

37. (Added) A communication system as described in Claim 31 wherein said secondary broadcast information is digitally encoded audio information representing advertising content and wherein said plurality of secondary broadcast servers are advertisers.

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